

Diabetes Eye Services

➔ When you have diabetes, it is important to have your eyes checked at least **once a year**. This list has the names and phone numbers of groups that can help you get eye services in the state. *If you have insurance, remember to contact your insurer first to find out about coverage for services.*

For information in Spanish (Español) contact:
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Saving Sight Rhode Island
982 West Shore Road
Warwick, RI 02889

PEC Phone: 401-384-6516
PEC Fax: 401-732-0034

Saving Sight offers eye exams and/or eyeglasses through the Project Eye Care Outreach Program (PEC). An application process is used to determine financial and medical need.

- A completed application with supporting documentation is required to receive services. Please call (401)384-6516 for an application and more information.
- **The PEC program can assist you under the following circumstances:**
 - If you do NOT have health insurance and you meet the qualifying guidelines.
 - If your current health insurance does not cover eye exams and you meet qualifying guidelines.
 - If your current health insurance does not cover treatment, such as prescription eyeglasses and you meet the qualifying guidelines.
- This program does NOT pay for an exam you obtained on your own.
- This program does NOT pay for eyeglasses that you ordered on your own.



RI Hospital/Lifespan Eye Clinic
APC Building, 7th Floor, 593 Eddy Street
Providence, RI 02903

Phone: 401-444-5509
Fax: 401-444-6187

The Eye Clinic provides free community services to people who are eligible ➔ Please contact the Community Free Services desk at (401)444-6948 for an application and approval.

To apply for eye services, you need to go to the registration desk at RI Hospital.

Make sure you have the following papers with you:

- Copies of your Federal Income Tax form (1040, 1040A, 1040EZ) from this year and last year
- Copies of your W-2 forms from this year and last year.
- If you did not file your taxes, you need to bring a copy of a letter from the IRS that states you did not file your taxes. To get a letter from the IRS, call 1-800-829-1040.
- Copies of your last three paystubs.
- If you receive child support, TDI (temporary disability insurance), Worker's Compensation, or any settlement money, you must bring papers showing proof of that income.
- Copies of unemployment, social security (SSI, SSDI) statements, and pension statements.
- Current copies of bank statements for any checking or savings accounts you have.
- If you own a home and have people that rent from you, you need to bring proof of that income.
- If you do not work and have no income, you need to bring proof of how you are supporting yourself, and/or a letter from the person who is supporting you.
- Bring any other documents that you think would be important.

All the information you give is confidential. If you have diabetes and need to see an eye doctor, please come in and apply, even if you do not have all the information listed here.

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R.I. Optometric Association
“Vision USA Program”

Phone: 401-949-0433
Ask for: Tim Bonin

The RI Optometric Association has a program called “Vision USA.” This program helps certain people get eye exams. To be eligible for this program, you must:

- Be working or be part of a household with one member working at least part-time.
- Have no insurance that covers eye exams.
- Have an income below an established level. (\$14,000 for one person, plus another \$4,000 for each additional person)
- Have not had an eye exam in the last 24 months.

You can get an application by calling Tim Bonin at the number above. Or, you can write to VISION USA, 243 No. Lindbergh Blvd., St. Louis MO 63141. You can also call Vision USA directly at 1-800-766-4466 or visit their web site at www.aoa.org/visionusa/index.asp

Other services for the blind, legally blind, and visually impaired:

- **Services for the Blind & Visually Impaired**
40 Fountain Street
Providence, RI 02903
Phone: (401) 222-2300 Contact: Gerard Shapiro
Fax: (401) 222-1328
- **OSCIL (Ocean State Center for Independent Living)**
1944 Warwick Avenue
Warwick, RI 02889
Phone: (401) 738-1013 Contact: Donnalee Sweet
TTY: (401) 738-1015
Fax: (401) 738-1083
E-mail: dlsweet@oscil.org
- **IN-SIGHT**
43 Jefferson Blvd.
Warwick, RI 02888
Phone: (401) 941-3322 Contact: Carol Hills
Fax: (401) 941-3356

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Diabetes Prevention & Control, DPAC's Public Education Committee:



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Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Rhode Island
Blue CHIP, Coordinated Health Partners, Inc.
Diabetes Foundation of Rhode Island
Diabetes Resource Center
DPCP's Diabetes Multicultural Coalition
Lifespan

Neighborhood Health Plan of Rhode Island
Rhode Island Department of Health, DPCP
Rhode Island Health Center Association
Quality Partners Rhode Island
UnitedHealthcare of New England